Civil Society Organizations Fighting Corruption: Theory and Practice Workshop
July 9th and 10th, 2012

Why have State Parties adopted such a cautious approach to CSOs?
Who are CSOs and to whom are they accountable?
How transparent are CSOs themselves and from where do they gain their legitimacy?
What measures are needed to improve the effectiveness of CSOs fighting corruption?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed at this exciting international event. The workshop will feature a mix of papers and keynote presentations. The participants offer a truly international and cross-disciplinary perspective on the relationships between CSOs and the fight against corruption. Keynote speakers include well known academics and professionals with extensive experience of anti-corruption work within state, international and CSO bodies.

The competitive papers give the opportunity to hear from leading figures in the field of corruption research and fall into three broad categories: Concepts and Definitions; National and Regional Practices; and Policy and Institutional Issues. Papers and keynote sessions will be delivered over the two days of the workshop with ample opportunity for dialogue and discussion. The final session brings together key themes and plans for future developments, including the possibility of an edited book (currently being negotiated with publishers).

Accepted papers (in alphabetical order of author) include the following:

- R Barrington and L David-Barrett, Heroes or Hypocrites? An analysis of NGO compliance with Anti-Bribery Laws;
- M Grimes, Multilevel Mobilization: Civil Society Efforts to Promote Access to Information Laws in Central America;
- M. van Hulten, What is a CSO?;
- E G Magana, CSOs fighting corruption in public procurement in Latin America: advancement and limitations;
- G Odusote, Holy alliance against unholy phenomenon: collaboration among civil society organizations in Nigeria;
- U Osuagwu, Curbing Corruption In Nigeria: Building on the Integrity processes as the Extra-Legal Recipe;
- R Senderowitsch and A Gallina, Building Reform Conditions: the role of civil society;
- D Toellborg, It’s a new world.

The keynote speakers include:
- Roberto Villarreal (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs);
- Hans Holmén (Linköping University, Sweden, author of Snakes in Paradise);
- Pierre Landell-Mills (Partnership for Transparency Fund);
- Slagjana Taseva (Transparency International, Macedonia).

The workshop fee includes tea/coffee and lunch on both days and an evening dinner (with keynote speaker). There will be opportunities for networking and proposing ideas for future events/activities.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting and important forum for discussion and debate. The delegate fee for the workshop is £95 (including dinner on 9th July, lunch and light refreshments on both days). Delegates will be responsible for their own overnight accommodation; a list of hotels with conference rates will be supplied on receipt of a booking form. To request a place at the conference, please visit: http://store.surrey.ac.uk/ or contact fbelevents@surrey.ac.uk.